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Chairman: Mr. BURNS

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The meeting was called to order at 10.30 a.m.

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Communication from the Government of Cyprus

1. Mr. SØRENSEN said that, in response to an earlier request for specific information regarding amendments to the Evidence Law, the Government of Cyprus had forwarded to the Committee the amended version of that legislation, which was fully in keeping with the Committee's recommendations. In particular, it prohibited the use of evidence obtained under duress, and duress was described as including torture and inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. He therefore suggested sending a letter to the Cypriot Government acknowledging receipt and commending it on that new development.

2. The CHAIRMAN instructed the Secretariat to address a letter to that effect to the Permanent Mission of Cyprus.

The public part of the meeting rose at 10.45 a.m.